

Maintenance Updates

In March we confirmed the planning has been approved for the LED's on **tennis courts 1 – 3**. The final checks are scheduled to be completed before works can begin and we are hoping the new lights will be installed sometime in June.

Courts 4, 5, 6 & 7 – have had a makeover with the cracks filled in and a paint job. I'm sure you've also noticed the difference at the far side of **ct 5** where the trees have been significantly cut back, the wooden edging replaced with concrete and a brand new chain-link fence.

Squash courts – all have had a restoration and looked rather dazzling under the bright lights! The walls received a sponge bath, the floors a gentle sanding and any holes filled in.

General maintenance of the building is a never ending task but we are getting on top of the smaller jobs as well as the bigger ones. If you notice something that needs fixing, please let me know and I will add it to the list.

Gas works are being carried out on Lime Tree Road from the 22nd April. Due to the meters needing to be changed inside the building, our hot water and heating will be affected for a short while however I have been assured we will not need to close the club. I will have exact dates nearer the time and will circulate more details if any adjustments need to be made.

Club Teams

With **13 tennis** and **8 squash** teams, we will have a bumper year of competitive matches to watch over the coming months. The courts will be busy most evenings both indoors and outside.

A new **ladies squash** league has been introduced this year with 2 teams entering from EATSC to add to **6 mens** teams!

As well as registering **10 teams to the City League** this year we have also put forward **3 teams for the Vets League**. However, I do still need some competitors who would like to play on the A or C teams. I am particularly interested to hear from any gents who would be eager to have a go! Entry is for anyone who will be over 50 by the end of this year. Email me on club@eatsc.org.uk if you're interested.

Success Stories

City Leagues: The **ladies tennis** teams won divisions 1 and 3 while the **mens' B team** also brought the trophy back to the club in 2024. The **O45's National Squash Championships** were concluded in Manchester where The Norfolk team triumphed to take the title. The team comprised of current and former members so a fantastic achievement for all.

Ada Brown scored her biggest win yet winning the U11's England Junior Squash Championships and is currently ranked 3rd in the UK. Together with another of our juniors, **Maya Johnson**, they represented Norfolk and won the Intercounty Squash Championships U11's. Well done girls!! You can find details of our successes here: <https://clubspark.lta.org.uk/EastAngliaTennisSquashClub/News>

Easter Tennis Tournament

Once again we hosted the East Anglia Open Tournament and what a fantastic atmosphere it was here all week. Derek did an amazing job of organising over 200 entrants and a total of 431 matches were played!

Our very own coach James Armstrong won the over 35's category in the blazing sun so a fitting final match of the week.

The club is hugely grateful to Sharon and the café team who were run off their feet every day keeping all the entrants and their guardians happy. The cupboards were quite literally bare by the end of play on Saturday! On behalf of the club and all the members, thank you so much for all your hard work 🌸

Clubroom News

I'm sure the majority of you have seen the fantastic refurbishment of the café bar. If not – put a date in your diary to come and have a coffee.

On behalf of all the members and trustees, I would like to thank Chris from the NTA for his investment in the clubroom. The new food offerings including paninis and soups, the smoothies and let's not forget the gin selection, are great new additions. It's also fabulous to have some healthy options too in the pasta dishes and fruit salads, but of course Sharon's brilliant bakes will always be the stars of the show!

You may have noticed Rob is upstairs in the clubroom more than on court these days! Well, he's taken on a new role in the NTA, running operations as well looking after the rackets activities. He is overseeing the clubroom and events so if you have any feedback regarding the cafe, would be interested in using the clubroom for a private party or suggestions for social activities please let him know.

Easter Opening Times

Good Friday 9am - 4pm

Saturday 19th 9am - 6pm

Easter Sunday Closed

Easter Monday 9am - 4pm

Recycling



After agreeing sponsorship from some of our members the tennis ball bin arrived in March and our first pick up of 2 bags has been arranged!

CircularBall is a fantastic scheme, in conjunction with Hubba, which will recycle 100% of the tennis ball. The cloth and rubber are used to make new balls and other products.

Click on the link below to find out more and be sure to bring your old tennis balls in.

<https://www.circularball.com/>

Membership Price Increase & AGM minutes

The minutes for the AGM were sent out to all members on Tuesday 15th March. If you didn't receive them please let me know by emailing me: club@eatsc.org.uk

As reported at the AGM on 26th March there will be a price increase for memberships this year. The trustees are currently in discussion regarding the details and plenty of notice will be given to all members.



to make it fabulous

It will soon be that time of year when we need to brighten up our club with blooms!! I would love it if someone would volunteer to take charge and run the day.

I am happy to round the troops, you will just need to let me know what is required and some notice to send out the request for donations.

What's on Boards

Hopefully most of you have seen the large bright green boards up in the corridor? These are to publicise the events we will be organising throughout the year. Information will regularly be added to them so be sure to keep an eye out so you don't miss anything!

Guest Fees

Please ensure ALL guest fees are paid on arrival and before you get on court. If your opponent isn't a member, they need to pay the £6, no If's or But's.

You can pay me at reception, or if I'm not here, please be honest and go upstairs and pay at the bar.

Let's all work together to make sure the club isn't losing any income.